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SUBJECT: MOBUTU VISIT TO FRG

1. REUTERS WORLD BANK SERVICE REPORTED FOLLOWING
FEBRUARY 2 CONCERNING MOBUTU VISIT TO FRG:
QUOTE: BONN: GERMANY TO SUPPORT ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC REFORMS
UNDER "MOBUTU PLAN". CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT HAS
ASSURED ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO OF GERMANY'S
SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS ENVISAGED UNDER THE SO-CALLED
"MOBUTU PLAN", THE INFORMATION MINISTRY SAID. A STATEMENT
SAID MR. SCHMIDT PROMISED TO GIVE THIS ASSISTANCE WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF FINANCIAL AID PROVIDED ZAIRE IN THIS
YEAR'S BUDGET. THE TWO MEN ALSO DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL
SITUATION IN AFRICA AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE "MOBUTU
PLAN", DRAWN UP UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE IMF, IS AIMED
AT PROVIDING A BASIS FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF WESTERN
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CAPITAL IN THE RESTORATION OF ZAIRE'S SHATTERED ECONOMY.
(RWBS) UNQUOTE

2. IBRD DAILY PRESS REPORT FEBRUARY 3 CONTAINS THIS
ADDITIONAL ITEM ON VISIT:
QUOTE: BONN: THE GERMAN PRESS REPORTED TODAY ON THE

VISIT OF ZAIRE PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO AND SAID THAT GERMANY HAD AGREED TO GIVE ZAIRE ABOUT DOLLARS 23 MILLION IN AID THIS YEAR. UNQUOTE.

3. WOULD WELCOME YOUR ASSESSMENT OF ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS AND ANY OTHER DETAILS YOU MIGHT DEVELOP ON VISIT AND ANY FRG COMMITMENTS ON MOBUTU PLAN FOR ZAIRIAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

4. AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE RECALL THAT ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION FRG OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CERTAIN RESERVATIONS CONCERNING PROPOSAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FOREIGN TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN ZAIRE'S CENTRAL BANK AND FINANCE MINISTRY. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW IF THIS IS CURRENT GERMAN OUTLOOK. IF IT IS, WE WOULD WISH TO KNOW HOW FRG WOULD VIEW VARIANT OF THIS PROPOSAL WHEREBY SUCH FOREIGN SPECIALISTS WOULD SERVE IN THESE ZAIRIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER IMF AEGIS. VANCE

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